

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

The University Senate met on Friday, December 12, 1969, in the Faculty Conference Room on the sixth floor of the Library. The Student Assembly members were guests of the Senate during a social period immediately preceding the regular meeting.

Minute 1

President Elliott presided. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

Minute 2

President Elliott asked the Chairman of the Executive Committee for a special order of business. Professor Stevens stated he was pleased to have the University Senate join in recognizing the achievements of the GE College Bowl winners, all of whom were present in person or by proxy. President Elliott presented medallions to

Tim Ashwell, Captain (absent in West Virginia but represented by Kathy Thomas)

Cary Engleberg

Dave Fishback (in Tennessee for Vista, represented by his mother)

Cecelia Leahy

Bob McClenon

Mike Newcity

Minute 3

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 1969, were approved as distributed after the word "need" was inserted after the word "no" in the second line of Paragraph 10.

Minute 4

Professor William B. Griffith, Chairman of the Student Relationships Committee, introduced A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (69/6). Professor Griffith moved the adoption of 69/6, and the motion was seconded by Professor Morgan. Discussion of the entire Resolution followed. The following actions were the result of the deliberations.

Professor Robinson: Moved that each group elect its own co-chairman. Motion was LOST for lack of a second.

Mr. Neil Portnow: Read a motion passed by the Committee on Student Life at its December 5, 1969, meeting:

That the Student Life Committee endorse the proposal of the Student Assembly and the Senate Standing Committee on Student Relationships to

1. abolish the Committee on Student Life, and
2. establish a Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly.

Professor Perros: Asked Professor Griffith if he would have any objection to an amendment defining more clearly the constituency of the Joint Committee, suggesting that it consist of eight faculty and eight students, one of each to be selected from each of the degree-granting sections of the University. Professor Griffith replied he would not be eager to accept such an amendment which would tend to make the Joint Committee too rigidly structured.

Professor Robinson, seconded by Professor Morgan: Moved the amendment that in Section 4 of 69/6, lines 10 and 11, the words "nominated by the President of the Student Assembly and" be struck from the Resolution. CARRIED.

Professor Perros, seconded by Professor Kurtz: Moved the amendment that in Section 4, line 8, after "students," there be inserted the words "of whom three shall be graduate students and." CARRIED (after the following substitute amendment was lost).

Professor Sharpe, seconded by Professor Griffith: Moved the substitute amendment to Section 4, line 11, to strike the period and insert ", with the objective of fairly representing the entire student body." Amendment LOST.

Professor Stevens: Asked Professor Griffith if he would agree to an amendment to strike from line 5 in Section 7a the word "or" and substitute the word "and." Professor Griffith stated he did not think it was an important change and felt it would reflect lack of good faith.

Professor Wood, seconded by Professor Perros: Professor Wood read a letter from his constituent Professor Robert C. Willson and then proposed that Section 3 be amended by striking the second sentence and adding "No alteration in the committee structure or powers shall be made for a period of one year from the time that the Joint Committee becomes effectively established, except with concurrence of both the Student Assembly and the University Senate, and unless either of these bodies ceases to exist. During the year beginning with the effective establishment of the Joint Committee, its operations shall be reviewed and the University Senate, the Student Assembly, or both may propose

- a) extension of the structure and powers then in effect,
- b) continuation of the Joint Committee with modified structure and/or powers,
- c) abolition of the Joint Committee.

In case agreement is not reached before the end of this year period on extending the existence of the Joint Committee, the Joint Committee shall be abolished."

Professor Robinson, seconded by Professor Perros, proposed the change in the Wood amendment to strike the last two words and insert "cease to exist." Professor Wood accepted the change. The Wood amendment then CARRIED.

Professor Zuchelli, seconded by Professor Stevens: An amendment to Section 7a, line 4, striking the sentence after the word "resolutions" and inserting "conveyed to the Senate, the Student Assembly, and the President." CARRIED.

Professor Jones, seconded by Professor Griffith: An amendment to Section 7, inserting the following: "c. In matters referred to it by the President the Joint Committee shall make its recommendations to the President." Professor Zuchelli suggested the amendment was out of order, but President Elliott did not so rule. President Elliott asked Professor Stevens to take the Chair while he spoke concerning the proposed amendment. His remarks in essence were as follows:

Three situations are involved.

1. Crisis on the campus (the most recent one was the Moratorium) which might contain the potential of difficulty. As is generally known, I confer directly if possible with the Chairman of the Senate Executive Committee and the President of the Student Assembly. Dr. Bright and I are designated to do this conferring. In many cases it simply would not be possible for the Joint Committee to respond in such circumstances. In the last instance both gentlemen were deeply involved with the major responsibility of the recommendations. Actions were those of the President and Provost, etc. I think we are confusing that kind of decision-making with
2. That situation which might appropriately require and be given more consideration, in other words, those things which can be discussed by a representative group. Primarily they would be questions that might not wait until next month's Senate Meeting or next week's Student Assembly meeting and that lend themselves to a greater degree of deliberation. In these circumstances it would be appropriate for the Joint Committee to give timely advice.

3. Longer range and more substantive questions which ~~refer to~~ (a) should be taken back to the respective bodies, those ~~issues~~ (b) policies which affect the University for months or years ahead.

The University in these days should be prepared to respond to all ~~all~~ of three kinds of policy issues. To that end it would seem that to ~~the~~ ~~the~~ disagree on the marriage dowry is not in the interest of the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ institution.

The question was then called on the Jones amendment to ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Section 7 and the amendment was LOST.

The question was then called on Resolution 69/6 as amended, and the Resolution CARRIED. A copy of the amended Resolution is appended to these minutes.

President Elliott reassumed the Chair.

Minute 5

Professor Stevens, on behalf of the Executive Committee, nominated Miss Marian Edelman as a member of the Student Relationships Committee where she would represent the Columbian College and replace ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Student Member Robert Rosenfeld who had submitted his resignation. There were no nominations from the floor and Miss Edelman was elected.

Professor Stevens asked unanimous consent to waive the rules for the purpose of nominating Dr. George V. Vahouny who had volunteered to serve on the Research Committee. Professor Brewer seconded. The rules were waived, and Dr. Vahouny was nominated and elected.

Minute 6

Professor Stevens stated that in the past when there had been problems of nonconcurrence or alleged violations of rights and privileges under the Code, the Senate had empowered the Chairman of the Executive Committee to attempt on behalf of the Executive Committee to negotiate a reconciliation of views. Efforts underway since September had been unsuccessful in reconciling the differences between Assistant Professor Kosara Gavrilovic and the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. The Executive Committee agreed that Professor Gavrilovic was entitled to an affirmative reply to the following request dated December 11, 1969, and addressed to the Executive Committee:

"Dear Sirs:

"I hereby respectfully request a hearing in accordance with the Code of Ordinances Governing the Academic Personnel of the George Washington University to consider my objections to a departmental decision to terminate my services with the University.

"I ask for this hearing because I sincerely feel that the grounds for my dismissal, as stated in the memorandum of Professor Helen B. Yakobson to Dean Calvin Linton dated February 12, 1969, are both fictitious and insupportable.

"Given the opportunity, I intend to prove that I am dismissed solely for reasons of personal antagonism, primarily political in nature, and that such dismissal is contrary to the principles of academic freedom as embodied in Article II of the Code and Ordinances of the University.

Respectfully,

/s/ Kosara Gavrilovic

Assistant Professor of
Russian Language and Literature"

The Executive Committee moved the election of the following Special Committee to undertake preliminary proceedings of inquiry under Article IX of the Code and Ordinances:

Professor Reuben Wood, Chairman
Professor Richard Allen
Professor Edith E. Mortensen

Professor Rashid seconded the motion. Professor Stevens asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Professor Griffith asked for clarification concerning the constitution of the Special Committee. It was stated that Professor Wood had been selected because of his experience in handling similar matters when he was Chairman of the Executive Committee, Professor Allen because a member of the law faculty seemed desirable, and Professor Mortensen because of her long tenure as a full professor and also because a lady member would be appropriate.

The Special Committee as nominated was elected unanimously.

Minute 7

In the period reserved for brief statements, Professor Wood presented Vice President Alpert's request that Senate members with information concerning people who might be interested in donations to specific or general funds forward it to him or to the Chairman of the Senate Resources Committee for action.

Professor Griffith read the following memorandum dated December 12, 1969, which he, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Student Relationships, had sent to the editor of THE HATCHET:

THE HATCHET report of December 8 of the December 5th meeting of the Senate Committee on Student Relationships gives a wrong impression in suggesting that the amendments offered by Professors Lewis and Kirsch were "designed to specifically prevent departmental student-faculty advisory councils from applying policies on salary, promotion and tenure in individual cases." The Joint Statement on Student Rights and Responsibilities being considered at that time already contained language specifying such applications to individuals of departmental policy as a matter of faculty responsibility. What the amendments were designed to eliminate was a clause which provided further that "this responsibility can and may be delegated by the faculty."

Professor Stevens reported that the Executive Committee was considering adding alumni members to Senate Committees, and that suggestions as to nominees and recommended procedures would be welcome.

Professor Zuchelli stated THE HATCHET article concerning activities of the Education Orientation Program was inaccurate, and that the program was offering good service to the existing Orientation Committee.

Minute 8

President Elliott asked if there were any further statements. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Frederick R. Houser
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A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE
OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY
(69/6)

WHEREAS, the President of the University often seeks the advice of both the University Senate and the Student Assembly on matters relating to both faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, a recognized need exists for the creation of a joint instrument of these two policy-formulating bodies; and

WHEREAS, that need has been explicitly recognized by the separate approval which the University Senate and the Student Assembly have given to variant forms of the Joint Committee resolution over the past two years;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY:

That after approval by the President of the University and by the University Senate and by the Student Assembly, a Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly shall be established in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The Student Life Committee be abolished.
2. The responsibilities and purposes of the Senate Standing Committee on Student Relationships shall be officially delegated to the Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly; and that the Standing Committee on Student Relationships be abolished.

In addition to other functions, as specified below, and notwithstanding any provision of Section 7 of this resolution, this Joint Committee shall serve both the University Senate and the Student Assembly by studying any matters or resolutions referred to it by either the Senate or the Assembly. With respect to such matters or resolutions it shall make recommendations to, and report to the Senate in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Faculty Organization Plan and the bylaws of the University Senate, and it shall make recommendations to, and report to the Student Assembly in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution and bylaws of the Student Assembly.

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3. The University Senate and the Student Assembly shall initiate the necessary implementing alterations of the Faculty Organization Plan and the Articles of Student Government, respectively, in matters regarding the structure and powers of the committee. No alteration in the committee structure or powers shall be made for a period of one year from the time that the Joint Committee becomes effectively established, except with concurrence of both the Student Assembly and the University Senate, and unless either of these bodies ceases to exist. During the year beginning with the effective establishment of the Joint Committee, its operations shall be reviewed and the University Senate, the Student Assembly, or both may propose

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5. The Joint Committee shall have a student co-chairman and a faculty co-chairman; the latter shall be an elected member of the University Senate. Election of the co-chairman shall be by secret ballot of the Committee. The Joint Committee shall determine by majority vote the ordering of its procedures.

6. The general charge to the committee shall be that it:

- a. Facilitate all efforts to improve student-faculty relations;
- b. Encourage student recommendations in all areas of Senate policy-formulation which affect student life;
- c. Recommend changes in "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Conduct of Student Life."

7. The Committee shall exercise specific advisory powers:

a. In matters which the committee may decide are of import to the entire University Community, it shall make its recommendations in the form of resolutions conveyed to the Senate, the Student Assembly, and the President:

- (1) at the request of the Senate or its Executive Committee;
- (2) at the request of the Student Assembly or its Executive Committee;
- (3) at the request of the President, the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- (4) at the request of any registered extracurricular student organization;
- (5) on its own initiative.

b. In matters which the Committee may decide are of import only to the Student body, it shall render advice to the Student Assembly or to any appropriate registered extracurricular student organization, or to the President or to the Vice President for Student Affairs,

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8. The Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly may establish special or standing sub-committees. The membership of such sub-committees may include students and members of the faculty who are not members of the Joint Committee, but at least one member of any sub-committee shall be a student member of the Joint Committee and at least one member of each sub-committee shall be a faculty member of the Joint Committee.

The responsibilities of sub-committees shall be such as are assigned by the Joint Committee.

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Student Relationships Committee
December 12, 1969

Passed by the Senate December 12, 1969

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

December 4, 1969

The University Senate

The University Senate will meet on Friday, December 12, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room, sixth floor of the Library.

Agenda:

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting
- 3) Award of medals to College Bowl winners
- 4) A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE STUDENT ASSEMBLY (69/6) presented by the Student Relationships Committee
- 5) Nomination to Standing Committee by the Chairman on behalf of the Executive Committee: Marian Edelman to the Student Relationships Committee, as a representative of Columbian College replacing Student Member Robert Rosenfeld
- 6) Election of Special Committee to consider the alleged infringement of the rights or privileges of Assistant Professor Kosara Gavrolovic under the provisions of the Code and Ordinances governing the academic personnel of The George Washington University
- 7) Period for brief statements by Senate members and by visitors
- 8) Adjournment.

Frederick R. Houser
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Enclosure

Note: Immediately preceding the meeting a social period will be held from 1:30 to 2:10 p.m. The members of the Student Assembly will be the guests of the Senate.

Members of the Faculty Assembly who are not members of the University Senate are invited to attend the social period.

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3. The University Senate and the Student Assembly shall initiate the necessary implementing alterations of the Faculty Organization Plan and the Articles of Student Government, respectively, in matters regarding the structure and powers of the committee. Further, no alteration in the committee structure or powers shall be effected without the concurrence of both the Student Assembly and the University Senate.

University Senate Resolution to establish a Permanent Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly

4. The Joint Committee shall be constituted as follows, and its members shall have a term of office of one year beginning May 1 of each year. Seven of its members shall be members of the faculty, at least one of whom shall be a member of the University Senate. These seven faculty members shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the University Senate and elected by the Senate. Seven members of the Joint Committee shall be students, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Student Assembly. These seven student members shall be nominated by the President of the Student Assembly and elected by the Assembly. No more than three faculty or student members, respectively, shall be elected from any one school or college. There shall be Ex-officio non voting members of the Joint Committee as the President of the University shall appoint.

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- c. Recommend changes in "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Conduct of Student Life".

7. The Committee shall exercise specific advisory powers:
a. In matters which the committee may decide are of import to the entire University Community, it shall make its recommendations in the form of resolutions to the Senate, to the Student Assembly, or to the President:

- (1) at the request of the Senate or its executive Committee;
- (2) at the request of the Student Assembly or its Executive Committee;
- (3) at the request of the President, the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- (4) at the request of any registered extracurricular student organization;
- (5) on its own initiative.

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b. In matters which the Committee may decide are of import only to the Student body, it shall render advice to the Student Assembly or to any appropriate registered extracurricular student organization, or to the President or to the Vice President for Student Affairs,

- (1) at the request of the Student Assembly;
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8. The Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Assembly may establish special or standing sub-committees. The membership of such sub-committees may include students and members of the faculty who are not members of the Joint Committee, but at least one member of any sub-committee shall be a student member of the Joint Committee and at least one member of each sub-committee shall be a faculty member of the Joint Committee.

The responsibilities of sub-committees shall be such as are assigned by the Joint Committee.

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Student Relationships Committee
December 12, 1969

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

December 8, 1969

TO: Members of the University Senate

FROM: Chairman, Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Senate Meeting December 12, 1969
Resolution 69/6
Supplementary Materials

At the suggestion of Professor Griffith, we are sending
supplementary materials to help in the deliberations on
Resolution 69/6.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT
JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY
SENATE AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL
(67/10)

Whereas (a) President Elliott has announced his decision not to reappoint the University Committee on Student Life, and

Whereas (b) the dissolution of the Student Life Committee will leave the Student Government without a formally structured means of access to Presidential policy-making, and

Whereas (c) the Senate Committee on Student Relationships recommends against the proposal that it absorb the advice-giving functions of the Student Life Committee, and

Whereas (d) President Elliott continues to "recognize. . . that students will begin to participate more fully in the work of the University Senate where increasingly basic policies affecting all aspects of the University are molded," therefore

Be it Resolved by the Senate of the George Washington University that:

After approval by the President of the University and by the Student Council and after necessary amendments of the Faculty Organization Plan and the Articles of Student Government have been enacted by the processes prescribed for making such amendments,

- A. The Student Life Committee shall be abolished.
- B. The Senate Standing Committee on Student Relationships shall thereafter be officially designated as the Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Council.

In addition to other functions, as specified below, and notwithstanding any provision of Section G of this resolution, this joint committee shall serve the University Senate by studying any matters or resolutions referred to it by the Senate. With respect to such matters or resolutions it shall make recommendations

to, and report to the Senate in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Faculty Organization Plan and the Bylaws of the University Senate.

C. The University Senate and the Student Council shall initiate the necessary implementing alterations of the Faculty Organization Plan and the Articles of Student Government, respectively, in matters regarding the structure and powers of the Committee. Further, no alteration in the Committee structure or powers shall be effected without the concurrence of both the Student Council and the University Senate.

D. The Joint Committee shall be constituted as follows, and its members shall have a term of office of one year beginning May 1 of each year. Seven of its members shall be members of the faculty, at least one of whom shall be a member of the University Senate. These seven faculty members of the Joint Committee shall be elected by the University Senate. Seven members of the Joint Committee shall be students, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Student Council at the time of his election. These seven student members shall be elected by the Student Council. The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the University Senate and the President of the Student Council shall be ex officio, non voting members of the Joint Committee. There shall also be such other ex officio, non voting members of the Joint Committee as the President of the University shall appoint. Whenever any matter within the appropriate areas of concern of the Joint Committee, as herein provided, shall be brought to the floor of the University Senate, the Chairman and Vice Chairman thereof and the President of the Student Council shall be accorded full privileges of the floor of the University Senate during such considerations. Provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to confer membership or voting rights in said body.

E. Only members of the Senate and members of the Student Council who are members of the Joint Committee shall be eligible for election as chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Committee. Election of the chairman shall be by secret ballot. In case of a tie between a student and a faculty member, the student shall be declared elected. The vice chairman shall be chosen by a subsequent secret ballot and if the chairman is a student, the vice chairman shall be a faculty member, and if the chairman is a faculty member, the vice chairman shall be a student.

F. The general charge to the Committee shall be that it:

- a. facilitate all efforts to improve student-faculty relations;
- b. encourage student recommendations in all areas of Senate policy-formulation which affect student life;
- c. be chiefly responsible for recommending changes in "The Rules and Regulations Governing the Conduct of Student Life."

G. The Committee shall exercise specific advisory powers:

- a. In matters which the Committee may decide are "academic" and thus of import to the entire University community, it shall make its recommendations in the form of resolutions to the Senate, to the Student Council, or to the President:
 - (1) at the request of the Senate or its Executive Committee;
 - (2) at the request of the President or the Vice President for Student Affairs;
 - (3) at the request of Student Council or any other extracurricular student organization; or
 - (4) on its own initiative.
- b. In matters which the Committee may decide are of import only to the Student Body, it shall render advice to the Student Council, or to any extracurricular organization, or to the President, or to the Vice President for Student Affairs:
 - (1) at the request of the Student Council;
 - (2) at the request of any extracurricular organization;
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 - (4) on its own initiative.

Advisory motions which the Committee may forward to the Student Council must be considered for action by the Student Council at its earliest regular meeting.

H. The Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Council may establish special or standing subcommittees. The membership of such subcommittees may include students and members of the faculty who are not members of the Joint Committee, but at least one member of any subcommittee shall be a student member of the Joint Committee and at least one member of each subcommittee shall be a faculty member of the Joint Committee.

The responsibilities of subcommittees shall be such as are assigned to it by the Joint Committee.

The Senate Committee on Student Relationships

March 8, 1968

As amended March 20, 1968 - Special Meeting of the Senate

Recd

February 20, 1968

Interim Report on the Dissolution of the Student Life Committee

Meeting jointly on February 19, 1968, the University Committee on Student Life and the Senate Committee on Student Relationships voted unanimously to propose to the Senate and to the Student Council that the "advisory" powers of the Student Life Committee be vested in a JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

The structure and powers of the proposed "Joint Committee" are set forth in an attachment to this report.

Approval of the "Joint Committee" proposal now awaits action by the Senate and by the Student Council.

Here follows a summary of the major developments in the dismantling of the Student Life Committee since January 17, 1968.

January 17--Pres. Elliott announced his decision not to re-appoint the Student Life Committee. He coupled this announcement with suggestions that the Committee's "judicial" powers devolve on a Student Court, and that the Committee's "advisory" powers be transferred to the Senate Committee on Student Relationships. In the latter instance, the President "recognized . . . that students will begin to participate more fully in the work of the University Senate where increasingly basic policies . . . are molded."

January 29-- Student Life Committee took the first step toward divesting itself of its "judicial" powers when it voted to request the next-elected President of Student Body "to appoint a Student Council Committee composed of students, appropriate administrative officers, and faculty, to study the entire question of judiciary matters." Further. . . "recommendations of that Student Council Committee shall become effective upon approval by student referendum and upon approval by the President of the University. Until such time, the Student Life Committee shall retain its judicial powers."

Student Life Committee took no action at this time with respect to the future of its "advisory" powers.

January 31--Senate Committee on Student Relationships met to consider the possibility of absorbing the "advisory" powers of the Student Life Committee.

The Senate Committee rejected both of the following motions:

1. "That the Senate Committee on Student Relationships absorb the advisory functions of the Student Life Committee provided that the student-faculty membership on the Senate Committee be equalized, and provided that the Committee be assured of autonomy in deciding to whom its advice should be directed."

2. "That at such time as students will have full member-

2. Until such time as students shall have full membership in the Senate, this Committee recommends the establishment of a Joint Senate-Student Council Committee to absorb the advisory functions of the Student Life Committee."

With the defeat of both these motions the Senate Committee instructed its chairman "to confer fully with the President on the difficulties encountered in the proposed transfer of the advisory function from the Student Life Committee to the Senate Committee on Student Relationships."

February 7--The chairman met with President Elliott, Vice Presidents Bright and Smith, and Prof. Reuben Wood. It was agreed to re-introduce the proposal to transfer the advisory function to the Senate Committee, but this time to spell out the terms of the transfer in such detail as to reduce the objections which had been raised.

February 9--Pursuant to this decision, the chairman sent out a detailed "Draft Resolution" to members of both committees. This resolution proposed basic alterations in the composition and powers of the existing Senate Committee on Student Relationships. (Informal reactions were unfavorable.)

February 18--Pres. Elliott spoke to the subject at an Airlie House conference of outgoing and incoming Student Council members. The President assured the student leadership that although he still considered it to be desirable to transfer the Student Life Cmte. advisory function to the Senate Committee, he would continue the Student Life Committee if he were so advised.

February 19--At the joint meeting of the Student Life and Senate Student Relationships committees--President of Student Body James Knicely introduced the motion which is attached to this report.

Mr. Knicely's motion, though modeled on the "draft resolution" of February 9, proposed the effective abolition of the present Senate Student Relationships Committee and its replacement by a "Joint Committee of the University Senate and the Student Council."

This motion was UNANIMOUSLY approved by the two committees.

The attachment to this report takes the form of a motion to the University Senate, to be introduced into the Senate at its March meeting-- provided that the motion receives the approval of the Student Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter P. Hill
Chairman, Senate Cmte. on
Student Relationships
Chairman, University Cmte.
on Student Life